ശ്രീ. എൻ. കുഞ്ഞുരാമൻ: ഒരിക്കലും ഉണ്ടാകയില്ല.

ശ്രീ. സി. സി. പ്രസാദ്: ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ ഇൻഡ്യാ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിൽ നിന്നു് വല്ല നിർദ്ദേശവും ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനു് കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ശ്രീ. എൻ. കുഞ്ഞുരാമൻ: ഇല്ല.

MECHANICAL SECTION IN THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

***972.** [12] **Sri. A. M. Thomas:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Communications and Agriculture be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government is aware that the Mechanical section in the State Transport Department is defective in many respects;

(*b*) whether any order has been placed outside for repairing and remodelling of State vehicles; and

(*c*) if so, for how many vehicles?

Sri. E. John Philipose:

(*a*) There is considerable scope for improvement in some respects as far as the mechanical section of the Transport Department is concerned.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise.

But I may also state that in view of the fact that the Transport Workshop is at present being re-modelled and has been transferred to the new workshop at Papanamcode, there has been a certain amount of unsettlement owing to rehabilitation programme adopted by the Department. It has been found nacessary to get immediately certain engines reconditioned. As a result of correspondence between this Government and the Madras Government 15 engines have been set up to Madras Workshops belonging to the Transport Department and they are being reconditioned there. It is expected that these machines will be returning in the course of another 3 weeks.

Sri. A. M. Thomas:

I withdraw question No. 13.

EXPRESS BUSES

***973.** [14] **Sri. A. M. Thomas:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Communications and Agriculture be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many express buses are there in the different routes;

(*b*) is there anything to differentiate between Express buses and other ordinary buses; and

(*c*) is the Government aware that ordinary buses are often run in lieu of express buses?

Sri. E. John Philipose:

(*a*) 28 buses;

(*b*) Express buses are fitted with cushion seats covered with rexine cloth, with the exception of two express luxury coaches and are painted green. The actual seating capacity is also restricted.

(*c*) When express buses are not available at the scheduled time due to either mechanical defects or for some other reason, ordinary buses in good condition are utilised instead, as an emergency measure.

ശ്രീ. എ. എം. തോമസ്: അപ്പോൾ വസൂലാക്കുന്ന ചാർജ്ജ് എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ് ബസ്സിന്റെ ചാർജ്ജുതന്നെയാണോ?

Sri. E. John Philipose: When an ordinary bus is sent as express bus with the restriction as far as seating capacity is concerned, its charges are as for the express bus.

ശ്രീ. എ. എം. തോമസ്: എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ് ബസ്സിനു വേണ്ടി ആർഡിനറി ബസ്സുകൾ ഇട്ടിട്ടുള്ള റൂട്ടുകളിൽ എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ് ബസ്സിന്റെ ഷെഡ്യൂൾ ടൈമിനു് ആർഡിനറി ബസ്സിനു് ഓടുവാൻ കഴിയുമോ?

ശ്രീ. ഇ. ജാൺ ഫിലിപ്പോസ്: ഓടുവാൻ കഴിയും.

ശ്രീ. കണ്ണാറ തോപ്പാലപ്പുണിക്കർ: എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ് സർവ്വീസുകൾ ഏതെങ്കിലും ലൈനിൽനിന്നു് പിൻവലിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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ശ്രീ. ഇ. ജോൺ ഫിലിപ്പോസ് : കഴിഞ്ഞയാണ്ടിൽ കുറെ എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ് സർവ്വീസുകൾ പിൻവലിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

NEW BUSES PURCHASED BY GOVERNMENT

*974. (15) **Sri. A. M. Thomas :** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Communications and Agriculture be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many new busses have been purchased by the Government during the last one year ;

(*b*) whether with the purchase of new buses, buses running are rendered defective and shunted on to the various garages ?

Sri. E. John Philipose :

(*a*) 56 buses ;

(*b*) No.

ശ്രീ. എ. എം. തോമസ് : ഈ പുതിയ ബസ്സുകൾ കിട്ടുവാനുള്ള ആഗ്രഹംകൊണ്ട് ഡ്രൈവറന്മാർ എതെങ്കിലും കാറമുണ്ടാക്കി ബസ്സുകൾ ഷണ്ട് ചെയ്യുന്നതു് ശരിതന്നെയാണോ മന്ത്രിയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

Sri. E. John Philipose: Buses become defective in the usual course of operation and are being got repaired according to emergency. It is not as what the member depicts now. But defects may happen as an accident and that is inevitable.

ശ്രീ. എ. എം. തോമസ് : ഈ ബസ്സുകൾ പുതിയതായി വാങ്ങിച്ചു എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അതിൽ എത്ര എണ്ണം കേടായി പോയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു് അറിയാമോ ?

Sri. John Philipose : I have not got the figures now.

ശ്രീ. എ. എം. തോമസ് . എന്തൊ ചോദ്യത്തിനു് സമാധാനം കിട്ടിയിട്ടില്ല. ഈ ബസ്സുകൾ പുതിയതായി വാങ്ങിച്ചപ്പോൾ എത്ര എണ്ണം കേടായി പോയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

ശ്രീ. ഇ. ജോൺ ഫിലിപ്പോസ് . ബസ്സുകൾ വാങ്ങിക്കുന്നതനുസരിച്ചല്ല കേടുവരുന്നതു . For the information of the House I may say this much: Right from the inception of the department as far as these vehicles are concerned the department has been providing depreciation at the rate of 25 per cent so that a bus can go as scrap if necessary after 4 years. But at present certain buses run for 6 years and more.

ശ്രീ. എ. എം. തോമസ് : സാധാരണ ഗതിയിൽ ഈ ഈ ബസ്സുകളിൽ എത്ര എണ്ണം കേടായി പോയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു് പറയാമോ ?

Sri. E. John Philipose : A scheme has been submitted by a special officer of the department who had gone into this question and according to that there will be a progressive elimination of existing vehicles which are not serviceable.

ശ്രീ. വി. ഗംഗാധരൻനായർ : അതിൽ എത്ര എണ്ണത്തിനു് കേടു വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു് അറിയാമോ ?

Sri. E. John Philipose : I shall look up the figures.

LOCATION OF MONOZITE FACTORY

*975. [16] **Sri. D. Gnanasigamoni :** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Industries be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether an expert committee was appointed by Government of India about an year ago to submit its recommendation as regards the location of a Monozite Factory in the State ;

(*b*) if so, whether that expert committee recommended that Monozite Factory should be located at Manavalakurichi ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether this Government protested against that recommendation ;

(*d*) if so, the reason why the Government so protested ;

(*e*) whether any final decision has been taken by Government of India as regards the location of the Monozite Factory and if so, where ?

Sri. N. Kunjuraman :

(*a*) A committee was constituted by the Government of India in 1949, but its function is not merely to submit its recommendation regarding the location of the proposed monozite factory. The Committee is for administering the company to be formed for processing monozite and certain other minerals.

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